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Crop Weather Income From Meat Animals Agricultural Prices

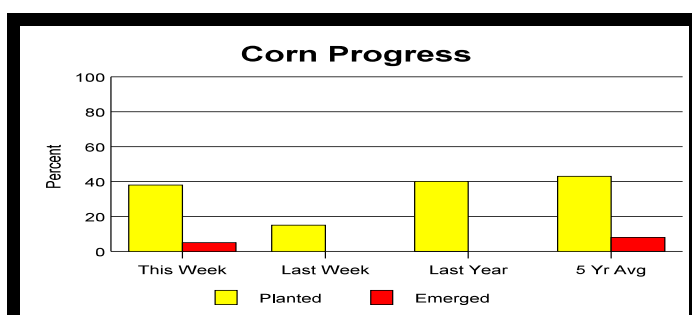
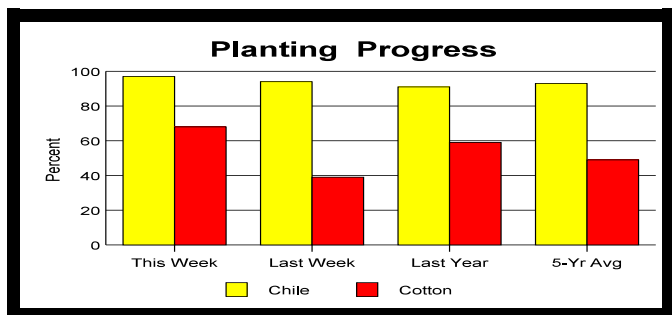
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 2006

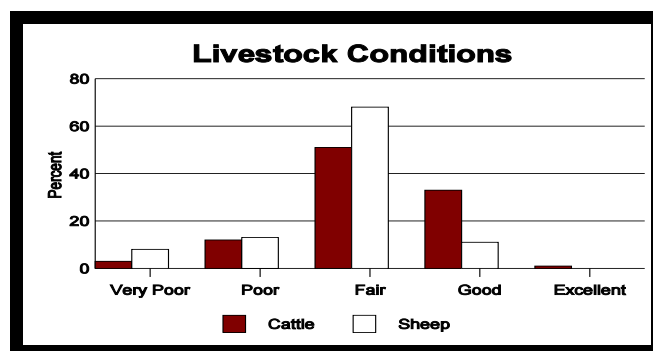
NEW MEXICO: There were 6.8 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 55% very short, 37% short, and 8% adequate. Wind damage was 28% light, 9% moderate, and 1% severe, with winds depleting soil moisture and causing some early irrigation on cotton. Five lightning fires were reported in Colfax County. Apple producers were hit hard by freeze damage and expect large crop losses. Farmers were busy planting crops, irrigating, and baling alfalfa. Alfalfa was reported as 1% very poor, 8% poor, 47% fair, 39% good and 5% excellent. The 1st cutting was 62% harvested. Irrigated winter wheat was reported as 7% poor, 68% good, 22% good, and 3% excellent, with 3% being grazed. Dryland winter wheat was 59% very poor, 38% poor, and 3% fair, with 13% being grazed. Lettuce, onions, and chile were all in fair to excellent condition. Chile was 97% planted, cotton was 68% planted, and corn was 38% planted. Ranchers were supplementing feed and hauling water with the possibility of culling soon if moisture is not received. Cattle were reported as 3% very poor, 12% poor, 51% fair, and 33% good and 1% excellent. Sheep were 8% very poor, 13% poor, 68% fair, and 11% good. Range and pasture conditions were listed as 21% very poor, 38% poor, 32% fair, and 9% good.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	97	94	91	93
CORN	Planted	38	15	40	43
CORN	Emerged	5	N/A	N/A	8
COTTON	Planted	68	39	59	49
WHEAT (ALL)	Grazed	10	16	30	N/A

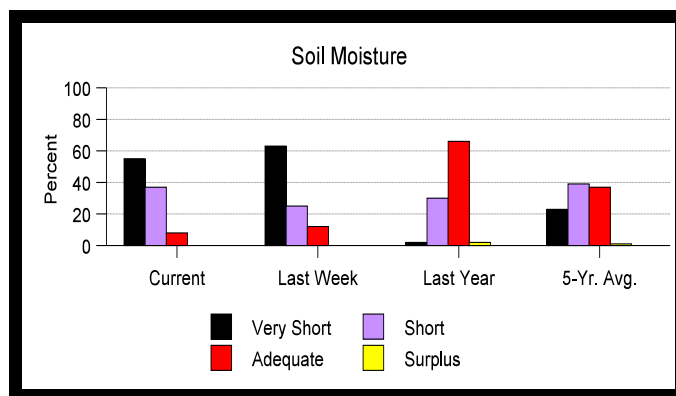


CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	8	47	39	5
Apples	62	34	4	---	---
Chile	---	---	21	56	23
Lettuce	---	---	10	59	31
Onions	---	---	10	59	31
Wheat (All)	39	27	26	7	1
Cattle	3	12	51	33	1
Sheep	8	13	68	11	---
Range/Pasture	21	38	32	9	---



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	49	50	1	---
Northeast	59	35	6	---
Southwest	90	10	---	---
Southeast	41	41	18	---
State Current	55	37	8	---
State-Last Week	63	25	12	---
State-Last Year	2	30	66	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	23	39	37	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

The first slow-moving storm system in months drifted across New Mexico Thursday and Friday, producing some of the higher rainfall totals in weeks for some locations. Some light snow fell at higher elevations of the north. Even so, Tucumcari (.67") and Clayton (.62") were the only sites to measure over half an inch of moisture. The storm also brought cooler air into New Mexico for a couple of days, but temperatures for the week still averaged between 3 and 4 degrees above normal.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - APRIL 24 - 30, 2006

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	04/24 04/30	04/01 04/30	Normal Apr	01/01 04/30	Normal Jan-Apr
Farmington	56.5	81	33	0.00	0.58	0.51	1.69	2.48
Gallup	51.4	77	28	0.00	0.24	0.64	1.52	3.23
Capulin	47.1	74	25	0.48	0.53	1.01	1.24	2.86
Chama	45.1	70	19	0.41	1.13	1.27	3.48	6.61
Johnson Ranch	48.6	74	20	0.00	0.11	0.49	0.24	2.47
Las Vegas	49.3	73	26	0.16	0.17	0.83	0.29	2.54
Los Alamos	50.6	71	32	0.24	0.47	1.00	1.34	3.88
Raton	49.3	75	25	0.19	0.19	1.06	0.59	2.90
Red River	41.1	65	19	0.15	1.58	1.68	6.20	5.75
Santa Fe	49.4	76	26	0.27	0.30	0.81	0.74	2.87
Clayton	52.6	81	29	0.62	0.63	0.94	1.08	2.04
Clovis	58.2	84	34	0.17	0.39	0.81	1.87	2.30
Roy	53.2	80	25	0.55	0.55	0.82	0.66	2.14
Tucumcari	59.1	83	33	0.67	0.67	0.87	0.92	2.00
Grants	49.3	77	23	0.10	0.11	0.45	0.89	1.95
Quemado	49.5	76	22	0.01	0.04	0.60	1.15	2.95
Albuquerque	60.6	80	41	0.13	0.13	0.52	0.31	1.96
Carrizozo	60.4	81	34	0.00	0.12	0.36	0.57	2.10
Socorro	59.2	82	36	0.03	0.03	0.36	0.06	1.41
Gran Quivera	53.1	78	31	0.00	0.10	0.64	0.27	2.88
Moriarty	50.8	78	25	0.22	0.38	0.66	0.55	2.10
Ruidoso	51.1	73	28	0.00	0.17	0.63	1.28	4.24
Carlsbad	66.0	90	44	0.11	0.25	0.49	2.11	1.49
Roswell	61.6	88	39	0.42	0.42	0.65	0.47	1.99
Tatum	60.6	85	38	0.38	0.88	0.64	2.29	2.05
Alamogordo	66.2	86	44	0.00	0.07	0.26	0.47	1.93
Animas	61.4	85	35	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.38	1.86
Deming	63.0	88	40	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.58	1.54
Las Cruces	62.8	87	44	0.00	0.04	0.21	0.22	1.26
T or C	61.9	84	44	0.02	0.05	0.22	0.13	1.40

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

INCOME FROM MEAT ANIMALS

NEW MEXICO: Gross income from cattle and calves for 2005 totaled \$968 million, a 1.7 percent increase over the 2004 gross income of \$952 million. Marketings for both cattle and calves decreased, while prices for both increased. Gross income from sheep and lambs decreased by 5.6 percent from \$7.6 million in 2004 to \$7.1 million in 2005. Even though prices were higher in 2005, marketings declined for both sheep and lambs. Hog and pig gross income totaled \$655,000 in 2005, down 19 percent from \$813,000 in 2004. Both marketings and prices were down from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: The 2005 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$65.3 billion, up 4 percent from 2004. Gross income increased for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Cattle and calves increased 4 percent, hogs and pigs increased 5 percent, and sheep and lambs increased 10 percent. Total 2005 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 4 percent to \$64.8 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for all cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Average prices were up for all three species.

Meat Animals: Marketing, Cash Receipts, Gross Income - New Mexico and U.S., 2004^{1/}-2005

	Unit	New Mexico		United States	
		2004	2005	2004	2005
Cattle & Calves					
<u>Marketings</u> ^{2/}					
Cattle	1,000 head	1,041.0	962.0	45,049.2	43,798.0
Calves	1,000 head	400.0	390.0	9,116.3	8,918.3
<u>Average Price</u>					
Cattle	\$/Cwt.	82.0	87.00	85.80	89.70
Calves	\$/Cwt.	119.00	131.00	119.00	135.00
Cash Receipts ^{3/}	\$1,000	948,659	964,445	47,506,963	49,208,682
Value of Home Consumption	\$1,000	3,464	3,817	427,777	459,479
Gross Income	\$1,000	952,123	968,262	47,934,740	49,668,161
Sheep & Lambs					
<u>Marketings</u> ^{2/}					
Sheep	1,000 head	26.0	12.0	695.0	670.7
Lambs	1,000 head	64.0	62.0	4,183.5	4,205.7
<u>Average Price</u>					
Sheep	\$/Cwt.	42.00	51.00	38.80	45.10
Lambs	\$/Cwt.	100.00	108.00	101.00	110.00
Cash Receipts ^{3/}	\$1,000	6,667	6,394	518,847	569,921
Value of Home Consumption	\$1,000	897	748	11,717	12,747
Gross Income	\$1,000	7,564	7,142	530,564	582,668
Hogs & Pigs					
<u>Marketings</u> ^{4/}					
All	1,000 head	4.6	4.1	127,562.9	129,056.0
<u>Average Price</u>					
All	\$/Cwt.	48.30	47.50	49.30	50.20
Cash Receipts ^{2/ 5/}	\$1,000	522	513	14,332,729	15,037,068
Value of Home Consumption	\$1,000	291	142	36,499	35,145
Gross Income	\$1,000	813	655	14,369,228	15,072,213

^{1/} Revised. ^{2/} Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the State. ^{3/} Receipts from marketing and sale of farm slaughter. ^{4/} Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and inter-farm sales within the State. ^{5/} Includes allowance for higher average price of state in-shipments and out-shipments of feeder pigs.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

Alfalfa hay prices for April averaged \$124.00 per ton, remaining stable with the previous month's price. All hay prices also remained stable at \$122.00 per month. Cow prices dropped \$0.20 cents to \$49.00 per hundredweight. Steer and heifer prices dropped \$4.00 from the March price of \$102.00 per hundredweight and averaged \$98.00 per hundredweight. They still remained well above the national average of \$89.70. Calf prices decreased by \$1.00 to \$130.00 per hundredweight and were \$6.00 below the national average of \$136.00. Milk cow replacements averaged \$1,780 per head, \$10.00 above the national average of \$1,770. Milk prices increased by \$0.10 to \$11.90 per hundredweight.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, March 2006 and April 2005-06

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		Apr 2005 ^{2/}	Mar 2006 ^{2/}	Apr 2006 ^{1/}	Apr
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	—	—	—	3.53
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	—	—	—	.543
Potatoes	Cwt.	—	—	—	8.66
Hay, all baled	Ton	121.00	122.00	106.00	106.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	124.00	124.00	110.00	110.00
Peanuts	Lb.	—	—	—	.176
Corn	Bu.	—	—	—	2.11
Wheat, all	Bu.	—	—	—	3.90
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	—	—	—	39.50
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	—	—	—	91.10
Cows	Cwt.	56.40	49.20	49.00	48.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	111.00	102.00	98.00	89.70
Calves	Cwt.	136.00	131.00	130.00	136.00
Milk Cow Replacement ^{4/}	Head	1,780	---	1,780	1,770
Milk	Cwt.	15.20	11.80	11.90	12.10

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} March - entire month ^{4/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published Jan., Apr., Jul. and Oct.